GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TALKS BETWEEN BSF AND BDR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General level talks between Border Security Forces(BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) were held during the month of August,2008;

(b) if so,the details of various issues discussed and the outcome thereof;and

(c) the implementation status of previous talks held during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Yes,Sir.

(b) & (c): Border Security Force (BSF) raised issues of the presence of Indian insurgent groups in Bangladesh and their training camps/hide outs;construction of border fence; and development works for border population within 150 yards of the International Border.Issues of enhanced co-operation between Border Security Force(BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles(BDR) to check trans border crimes,illegal cross border movement and construction of border pillars were also discussed. During the last three years,12 development works on the border have been settled and some wanted criminals have been handed over to either country.Director General,BSF has also handed over a list of forty six (46) patches,where border fencing within 150 yards of the border is required on a priority basis.Simultaneous coordinated patrolling by the BSF and BDR has been agreed upon to prevent trans border illegal activities and in this context,both sides have also agreed to identify vulnerable stretches along the border for such patrolling,and to finalize modalities in this regard at the sector/Battalion level.